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SUBJECT: DRAFT LETTER TO UNSC ON UNC

REF: SEOUL 3876

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF LETTER INFORMING UNSC
PRESIDENT OF OUR READINESS TO TERMINATE THE UNC IF PRO-
VISIONS OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT MAINTAINED. WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS BEFORE LETTER IS OFFICIALLY
PRESENTED TO ROKG.

2. PORTION ON POSSIBLE STEPS WE MAY WISH TO TAKE TO
LOWER UNC PROFILE IS LEFT SOMEWHAT IMPRECISE PENDING RE-
CEIPT OF SEOUL'S SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH
WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. DRAFT RESOLUTION AND INSCRIPTION LETTER FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
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4. QUOTE

I REFER TO UNGA RESOLUTION 3333 OF DECEMBER 17, 1974, ON THE "QUESTION OF KOREA", AND TO THE LETTER OF MARCH 18, 1975 ON THIS SUBJECT ADDRESSED TO YOU BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

I REFER ALSO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF JULY 7, 1950 WHICH INTER ALIA, "REQUESTED THAT THE UNITED STATES PROVIDE THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH REPORTS AS APPROPRIATE ON THE COURSE OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE UNIFIED COMMAND."

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND ITS EFFORTS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE BEEN DEVOTED CONSISTENTLY TO THESE GOALS. IN THIS CONTEXT MY GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE BEST MEANS TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 3333.

IN COSPONSORING AND SUPPORTING THE DRAFT ADOPTED AS RESOLUTION 3333, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO SEE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO TAKE CONCRETE MEASURES CONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION.

IN THIS REGARD, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT IT IS READY TO TERMINATE THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND, TOGETHER WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TO DESIGNATE MILITARY OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AS SUCCESSORS IN COMMAND AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 17 OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF JULY 7, 1953, WHO WOULD ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ALL PROVISIONS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WHICH ARE NOW THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL TERMINATE THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, AND SIMULTANEOUSLY, TOGETHER WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, IMPLEMENT THE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENT OUTLINED ABOVE ON JANUARY 1, 1976, SUBJECT ONLY TO THE PRIOR AGREEMENT OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY AND THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEERS, AS SIGNATORIES TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, THAT THE ARMISTICE

AGREEMENT WILL CONTINUE IN FORCE.

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE OTHER PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AT ANY TIME AND IN

ANY PLACE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, AS WELL AS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD THEY SO DESIRE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO FURTHER STATE THAT, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EMBODIED IN RESOLUTION 3333, IT WILL IN THE MEANTIME UNDERTAKE MEASURES TO REDUCE USE OF UNITED NATIONS FLAG AS AUTHORIZED BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 84 OF JULY 7, 1950.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES EMPHASIZES THAT ITS SOLE CONCERN IN THIS QUESTION IS THAT ALL PROVISIONS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, THE BASIS OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS, BE MAINTAINED AND PRESERVED PENDING NEGOTIATIONS AND CONCILIATION BETWEEN THE TWO KOREAN GOVERNMENTS LEADING TO A LASTING PEACE BETWEEN THEM.

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